IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Masahiro OMATA et al.

Title: LAPPING APPARATUS AND LAPPING METHOD

Appl. No.: 10/772,593

Filing Date: 02/06/2004

Examiner: Maurina T. Rachuba

Art Unit: 3723

Confirmation No.: 5185

REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated April 10, 2007, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this document.